

Syllabus

COURSE TITLE: PHYS201, Descriptive Astronomy, Section 01

I. Contact Information

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II. Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

Prerequisite: None

III. Course Description

The astronomical universe from a non-mathematical viewpoint.

IV. Course Objectives and Outcomes

This objective of this course is to familiarize the student with astronomy, constellations, the origins of stars and galaxies.

V. Course Topics

Topics to be covered: Introducing Astronomy, Planets and Moons, Stars and Stellar Evolution, Galaxies and Cosmology.

VI. Instructional Methods and Activities

This course is a lecture course that is firmly grounded in the text. Interaction with the instructor during class is encouraged.

VII. Evaluation and Grade Assignment

There will be three in class tests and a comprehensive final exam.

Each in class test is for 100 points unless otherwise indicated during the test review.

The final exam is for 100 points unless otherwise indicated during the test review.

Cell phones in class are strictly forbidden during tests. It must be kept turned off and hidden away. Laptops, blackberries, etc are also forbidden.

The test/final grading is as follows:

90 to 100% is an A

80 to 89% is a B.

70 to 79% is a C.

60% to 69% is a D.

Note: I don't normally award D's as a final grade.

Below 60% is an F.

The Instructor reserves the right to apply grading curves to the tests.

No tests are dropped.

VIII. Class Policies and Procedures

At a minimum, all policies stated in the current ULM Student Policy Manual & Organizational Handbook should be followed (see <http://www.ulm.edu/studentpolicy/>).

Additional class policies include:

A. Textbook(s) and Materials: Text Book: Physics, Sixth Edition, by Giancoli

B. Attendance Policy: The Department of Computer Science, Math, and Physics believes that classroom attendance is an essential component of this course. The excused absence and attendance rules are defined in the University Catalog and the

Student Policy Paper. It is important that you attend class every period and arrive on time. Roll is taken at the beginning of each class period. If you arrive late, it is your responsibility to remind the instructor to mark you present. If you are absent from class due to an illness, you must bring me a valid copy (one that I can keep) of a doctor's excuse within 2 class periods after your return. If you are absent due to a school activity (i.e. band concert, swim meet, ULM 31, etc.), you must bring me an excuse (a schedule would be great!) from your coach, director, etc. within 2 class periods after your return. If you follow this procedure you will receive credit for class attendance on that day and the opportunity to make-up any material collected or tests missed. **Work is NOT a valid excuse!** Each student is responsible for all material and assignments covered in class whether or not the student is in attendance on that day.

C. Make-up Policy: You will have one week to make missed tests at the Instructor's discretion. Make up tests are only allowed with a valid excused absence.

D. Academic Integrity: Faculty and students must observe the ULM published policy on Academic Dishonesty (see Page 4 in ULM *Student Policy Manual* -- <http://www.ulm.edu/studentpolicy/>).

E. Course Evaluation Policy: At a minimum, students are expected to complete the on-line course evaluation.

F. Student Services: Information about ULM student services, such as Student Success Center (<http://www.ulm.edu/cass/>), Counseling Center (<http://www.ulm.edu/counselingcenter/>), Special Needs (<http://www.ulm.edu/counselingcenter/special.htm>), and Student Health Services, is available at the following Student Services web site <http://www.ulm.edu/studentaffairs/>.

G. Emergency Procedures: In case of emergency, contact your Dean.

H. Discipline/Course Specific Policies: Cell phones, blackberries, or ANY imaging or communication device is strictly prohibited during a test. All of these devices are to be turned off and hidden away. Communication and image capturing during a test is viewed as an academic infraction that will be referred to the Dean.